

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

STATE OF ARKANSAS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MIGUEL CARDONA, *in his official capacity*
as Secretary of Education, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 2:24-cv-636-RWS

JOINT MOTION TO HOLD DEFENDANTS' RESPONSIVE PLEADING DEADLINE IN
ABEYANCE AND TO ENTER A SCHEDULE

Now that the Court has issued a Judgment and Preliminary Injunction in this matter, ECF No. 54, the parties respectfully move the Court to enter a schedule for district court proceedings. Counsel for the parties have conferred and jointly propose the following schedule:

1. In order to promote efficiency, Defendants need not file an answer or other response to the complaint prior to summary judgment briefing. Accordingly, the deadline for Defendants' responsive pleading, which is currently due August 14, 2024, *see* ECF No. 51, shall be held in abeyance.

2. The Department of Education will produce the administrative record to Plaintiffs by September 20, 2024.

3. No more than 21 days after the Department of Education produces the administrative record, the parties will file a joint status report proposing a briefing schedule for cross-motions for summary judgment.

Dated: August 7, 2024

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